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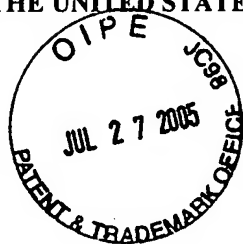
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: PHOTOMASK, PATTERN FORMATION METHOD USING PHOTOMASK AND MASK DATA CREATION METHOD

Mail Stop Preliminary Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☒ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
☒ Also attached: Set of 5 Annotated Drawing Sheets showing changes to Figs 3A, 4, 9B, 11A, 11B, 11C and 12C  
 Set of 5 Replacement Drawing Sheets (Figs 3A, 4, 9B, 11A, 11B, 11C and 12C amended)

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	65	65	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	7	7	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
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Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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